

UNO to request funds for ADA

By Tim Rohwer

UNO officials will request to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents Friday a preliminary figure of \$750,000 over the next two years to improve campus facilities for the disabled.

According to Neil Morgensen, assistant vice chancellor for facilities management and planning, the request is needed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), passed by Congress in July 1990.

The act requires employers and institutions to self-evaluate and address those elements that hinder the disabled population from effectively participating in public programs. All self-evaluations must be completed before January 26, 1993, according to the act.

Morgensen said the \$750,000 will be included in the overall NU capital construction budget to be studied by the Regents Friday at their meeting in Lincoln. Upon approval, the Board will then submit its request to the Legislative when it convenes in January.

The biggest portion of the proposed amount will go toward improving the emergency alarm system, he said.

"The emergency egress code of the ADA requires that institutions have both video and audio alarms with a certain intensity be placed in various locations," Morgensen said.

The law also states that objects in a hallway cannot be higher than 27 inches if they protrude more than four inches from a wall, he added.

"If an object was higher than 27 inches, a blind person with a cane may not be able to detect it," Morgensen said. "One of the biggest problems we've had with that are those containers for the Gateway, especially in the Arts and Sciences Building."

He said most of those containers have already been replaced with baskets placed on the floors.

Other improvements needed on campus are exterior ramps, sidewalks and railings, and rest room modifications, Morgensen said.

Morgensen said he began evaluating the projects in early summer and has not yet completed the study. He said he believes the requested amount of \$750,000 will increase upon the completion of the study.

The UNO amount is part of a two-year preliminary request by the NU system of \$2,543,797 for improvements for the disabled.

Shuttle buses gaining loyalty among students

By Julia Ybarra

Remember reluctantly riding the bus to high school when it seemed like everyone else drove their own cars? Remember the envy watching them pull into those school parking spaces?

Now, the situation seems to be reversing. More and more students are choosing to take the bus to class, thanks to the Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle bus service.

According to Campus Security Manager Charles Swank, UNO started running the shuttle buses in 1976 but stopped when the parking structure and other lots were opened in the fall of 1986.

"UNO experienced a phenomenal growth in enrollment that we went back to Ak-Sar-Ben in the fall of '88 or '89," Swank said.

Swank said the utilization of the shuttle bus has not greatly affected the number of parking tickets issued.

"If you had the same population every year, you'd expect to see a decline but it hasn't been the case," Swank said. "Every year the population gets bigger so if someone learned that he can't park somewhere, then a new person will have to learn it."

Shuttle bus operator George Sceliga begins his shift at 11:30 a.m., around the peak parking time.

"This is my third year (driving a shuttle bus), and the numbers of people using the bus are increasing every day," Sceliga said. "Tuesdays and Thursdays are real busy. Once, I had 51 kids on one trip."

For some students, the shuttle bus provides a convenient and inexpensive parking alternative.

"I took it last semester because I didn't have enough money for a permit, and it's a lot easier than fighting for a parking spot," freshman Eric Buckner said.

Senior Nicole Redferf said, "I think it's great because it's easier and takes you to almost any building you want to go. At the College of Business, there are no parking spaces."

Freshman Jose Falcon added, "Ever since I started school I've taken this bus. If it wasn't for this bus, I'd be late to all my classes."

Swank said, "Since the shuttle buses began again, utilization has increased each year. We're parking about 500 cars at Ak-Sar-Ben. As long as it's needed and available, we'll continue to use Ak-Sar-Ben."



Take five

—Ed Carlson

Participant Linda Williams takes a time-out during her competition in the 1992 Try-athlon held Sunday at UNO. More than 100 people participated, according to a spokesperson for the event. See story, page 9.

Forensics team plans to talk its way to the top

By Tim Rohwer

UNO's football squad is not the only team preparing for the upcoming season. The forensics team is also in training for its competition.

The team's coach, communications professor Kris Carle, said he is excited about the season.

"We're pretty confident," he said. "We've got some good competitors. We hope to get the jump on our preparations."

The team has 10 members, including four students returning from last year's team which won 130 individual and team awards. A student can join the team anytime during the school year, Carle said.

The team will begin its season on the weekend of Sept. 24 at a tournament in Iowa City, Iowa, Carle said. UNO, in conjunction with Creighton University, will host a tournament on the weekend of Oct. 3.

"We had 21 schools at our tournament last year, and we're sure it will be bigger this year," he said.

Kansas State University, Hastings College and Texas Southern University, all considered

strong forensics schools, have already made arrangements to attend the UNO/Creighton tournament, Carle said. The tournament will be held at Creighton on Oct. 3 and at UNO on Oct. 4.

Tournaments at Hastings College and Northwest Missouri State University are also on the team's fall schedule. The team is scheduled to appear at two national tournaments in Texas and Pennsylvania in the spring.

Participants engage in a variety of speaking events during a tournament, Carle said.

"There are three basic events with different forms of public speaking under each event."

The limited preparation event features impromptu and extemporaneous speaking of seven minutes each with participants having little time to prepare.

The public address event features informative speaking, persuasive speaking, after-dinner speaking and communication analysis of 10 minutes each with lengthy preparation required.

The interpretation event includes interpreting prose material, poetry or dramatic plays of 10 minutes each with the use of a manuscript required.

Carle said the Midwest has a stronger tradi-

tion in forensics than any other region of the country.

"Fifteen of the Top 20 schools are from the Midwest," he said. "Most of the good teams are in Illinois and Iowa. Bradley University in Illinois is consistently the top winner. Hastings College is probably our toughest competitor here in Nebraska."

Carle said a big reason the Midwest has a strong forensics tradition is the historical importance of public speaking, especially in the 1800s.

"There was a touring company called Chautauqua which started in 1874 that went around the Midwest not only to entertain, but also to educate the populace through the use of public speaking. For adults who were illiterate, this was a way for getting an education, as well as receiving news," Carle said.

"It was like a tent revival, a place to learn. This justified training in Midwest colleges on speaking skills."

Many educational benefits can be obtained through forensics, Carle said.

"Students learn good speaking skills, as well as how to be good listeners. They learn good

researching skills and interviewing techniques. Plus, the students get to travel and meet people from other parts of the country. Of course, there's the thrill of competition, like being on a baseball team," he said.

Graduate student Donna Aschoff, an assistant coach on the team, added, "Going to a tournament is a terrific educational experience because of all the different topics that are featured."

She said topics that were spoken at tournaments last year included gun control, lead poisoning, fetal tissue research and the question of whether Christopher Columbus was the first man to discover America.

Several of the team members said the thrill of competition and meeting new people are main reasons why they participate in forensics.

Rachel Shapiro, a pre-law student, said, "This is my first year, but so far I really enjoy it. I enjoy competing."

Rich Jones, a secondary education major, added, "This is my second year, and I've gained more confidence in speaking to people I don't know. Plus, I've made a lot of friends on the tournament circuit."

Interest groups aim for students

(CPS) — The Democrats want you. The Republicans want you. The public affairs organizations want you. The politicians want you.

What these organizations want from you is simple: If you are 18 or older, you can vote. But to vote, you first must be registered. If you are the typical college undergraduate, between the ages of 18 and 24, you represent a segment of American culture that is perceived as being not likely to vote or to participate in the political process.

So, college and university campuses nationwide have been targeted by private and public interest groups to register students and get them to the polls on Nov. 3.

"Students tend to feel left out. Candidates don't appear to be addressing issues that are of concern to students," said Becky Cain, president of the National League of Women Voters.

"On the 20th anniversary of the right for 18 year olds to vote, this group has the least percentage voter turnout than any other age group," she said.

"Get them on the rolls, get them to the polls," said Mike Dolan, field director for the California-based Rock the Vote, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that has organized student voter registration drives nationwide.

Top issues that appear to be of concern to college students on the national level include the economy, the environment and abortion rights, activists said.

If students want to address these concerns, they must first register to vote, registration organizers said. That way they can vote for candidates who most closely represent their ideals and ideas of what government should be and what issues the representatives should address.

According to the Census Bureau, 26 million men and women in the 18-24 age group are eligible to vote, and about 40 percent of this group is registered. Among college students who are registered, 80 percent vote, said Jamie Harmon, president of the College Democrats of America.

"Many students don't feel they are a part of the American community. They don't have families yet, they don't have sunk-in roots, so they are not as politically active," Harmon said. "Political participation increases with age. We want to show students today that the political and governmental system isn't a joke."

The College Democrats are organizing a Victory Vote program on campuses nationwide, with the goal of registering 50,000 students this fall - ideally as Democrats. Having targeted about 500 colleges and universities in 15 states, the College Democrats plan to hold rallies, get publicity and have politicians from the local and national levels to speak to students.

Harmon said national polls show students identifying with the Democratic Party, and the main concerns on campuses

include educational issues and student loans.

Tony Zagotta, national chairman of the College Republicans, said polls indicate the 18-24 age group favor Republican views toward government, society and the economy. His group will be working at the grass roots level on campuses and won't be using celebrities or rock shows to attract potential Republican registrants.

College Republicans will be going door to door this fall to get students to register or vote by absentee ballot, Zagotta said. He called the Republican's one-on-one approach a tremendous opportunity to get students to register in his party. The Republicans see students' concerns as being the economy, foreign policy and abortion, he said.

According to Zagotta, the polls have shown the 18-24 age group is "not comfortable" with abortion.

Dolan, field director of Rock the Vote, said his organization is also working at the grass roots level to get students to register. Rock the Vote was founded in 1990 by leading record labels and musicians in response to perceived threats to artistic expression. It has since been broadened to include voter registration, especially for young adults, Dolan said.

Musicians and movie celebrities will go to campuses and hold rallies to make students aware of the political process and urge them to register.

"Having stars and musicians involved is intensive. It makes voter registration sexier," he said. "Celebrities want to get involved, and when they do, it makes political participation a little cooler."

Rock the Vote has registered about 100,000 young people in the past two years, and many college and university students are included in the numbers, Dolan said.

What concerns young people is having access to "the system," or being heard by politicians, he said.

"We have seen the basic issue, and that is empowerment and access to the system," Dolan said. "Many politicians don't want young people voting, since young voters have no patterns of voting and are unpredictable. That makes politicians nervous."

The minimum legal age to register is 18. If a student goes away to attend school, he or she may register to vote in the town or city where the school is located. However, the states have varying laws for residency requirements; there is no national law establishing uniform registration laws for all 50 states. An option is to vote by absentee ballot if students are registered in their home states, Cain said.

Since the 1970s, the League of Women Voters has actively sought to get young people to register. It has also published material on voter rights, especially for college students who may be going to an out-of-state institution and want to vote in primaries and elections.

National Briefs

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Students work with homeless

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (CPS) — A program launched by the University of Pennsylvania last year to train college students to work with homeless people was expanded to Atlanta and San Francisco this summer.

Empty the Shelters provides students from across the nation with skills and insight necessary to combat homelessness in their communities. The program was expanded to Emory University in Atlanta and Stanford University in Northern California.

"In the wake of the tragedy in Los Angeles, we want to show America that college students, working with community leaders and residents, can act constructively to solve the problems plaguing our cities," said Phillip Wider, director of the Philadelphia project.

AIDS surveyed at conference

AUSTIN, Texas (CPS) — University students show a higher incidence of HIV infection than military recruits, said a speaker at the second annual Summer HIV Prevention Institute for Colleges and Universities.

"Studies show that one in every 500 university students is HIV positive," said Carolyn Parker, executive director for Texas AIDS Network.

A recent survey issued at the International Conference on AIDS said nearly half of U.S. Army soldiers admit to hazardous sexual practices, such as failing to use condoms, the Daily Texan reported.

Although many universities in Texas have AIDS awareness information available through student health services, AIDS needs to be discussed in all areas of campus life, Parker said.

"The AIDS issue needs to be addressed in other areas, like history and English, because it's a phenomenon that can no longer be ignored in their writing and teaching," she said.

The AIDS institute was held in late July.

Financial aid pays the bills

WASHINGTON (CPS) — Almost 60 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some student financial aid from federal, state or other sources, the U.S. Department of Education reported.

More students in private institutions received financial aid than in public schools, and in private, for-profit institutions, almost nine out of 10 students received some form of aid, said the 1992 report.

"We report on the condition of education as a way of alerting the American public about the progress that has been made and the progress that still needs to be made in the future," said Diane Ravitch, assistant secretary for educational research and improvement.

The 1992 edition contains 60 measures of pre-school, elementary, secondary and post-secondary education.

Among the findings related to college students:

- Federal support for education rose 19 percent from 1983 to 1991 to an estimated \$54.6 billion.
- The number and percent of bachelor's degrees earned in the natural sciences, computer sciences and engineering dropped during the last half of the 1980s.
- Between 1980 and 1990, costs for tuition, room and board rose more rapidly at private colleges than at public institutions — 49 percent vs. 26 percent. Although the rate of increase for college costs continues to outpace inflation in 1990, tuition, room and board at public institutions as a proportion of family income was lower than in the mid-1960s.

Native Americans targeted

HANOVER, N.H. (CPS) — Dartmouth College is launching a three-year pilot program this fall to increase the number of Native American students who earn college degrees.

The Full Circle Program is open to all Native American students at Dartmouth and will address academic issues facing the students. It is funded by a \$155,000 grant from the General Mills Foundation in Minneapolis.

While Native Americans comprise 1 percent of the U.S. population, they accounted for only .04 percent of the students earning bachelor's degrees in 1991, according to a report by the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

Starting wages hurt by recession

(CPS) — The good news is that there are jobs out there for recent college graduates. The bad news is that the economic downturn has enabled employers to hold the line on initial salary offers, the College Placement Council found in its annual salary survey.

Another survey shows students are optimistic that they will find employment in a short time and expect that the beginning salaries will range from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The council's July 1992 salary survey also found that some employers were not able to place graduates in positions that they had been offered.

The survey "shows that though the recession did not provide for an abundance of employment opportunities, not all graduates' employment prospects were affected by it," the Bethlehem, Pa.-based council said.

Broken down by major, the council's survey showed the ups and downs graduates can experience in starting wages:

- **Nursing:** Graduates received starting salary offers 10 percent or more higher than last year, up to \$32,597. Allied health graduates' salaries jumped 7.2 percent to an average of \$31,568.

- **Chemical engineers:** The average starting salary increased 4.6 percent to \$39,216. Electrical engineers had initial salary offers averaging \$34,033, and mechanical engineers received offers of \$34,546.

- **Liberal arts:** Most disciplines lost ground, the survey found.

- **Accounting:** Starting salaries for recent graduates rose 2.7 percent to an average offer of \$27,351.

- **MBA graduates:** Those with non-technical undergraduate degrees gained 2.4 percent for an average offer

of \$36,096. Those with technical undergraduate degrees had an average offer of \$40,195, up to 4.2 percent.

The survey was made of offers extended to students graduating between Sept. 1, 1991 and Aug. 31, 1992.

Meanwhile, a survey done by Philadelphia-based Right Associates found that despite the ongoing recession, college students expect a relatively short job search.

Students also expected starting salaries between \$20,000 and \$30,000 and anticipated a promotion within one to two years.

Right Associates surveyed 325 students nationwide during career seminars for the annual survey, which measures career preferences and goals, job search and career expectations and attitudes about future career advancement.

This year 65 percent of the students surveyed expect beginning salaries to top out at \$30,000, and 5 percent expect to receive more than \$35,000.

There is some concern that these high expectations may be out of line with the reality of the current job market.

"It is important to ensure that students' expectations are in sync with the realities of the marketplace," said Stanley Tilton, president of Right Associates.

"If they are not, employers will have a lot of unsatisfied employees on their hands."

A majority — 91 percent — of students is still optimistic about its future career plans despite the sluggish economy, and 75 percent expect to have the same or better standard of living as their parents, the majority of whom hold professional positions.

The real issue

Abortion is not the issue. It is a cover for the real issue; easy access to power by the religious fundamentalists. Your eyes may roll, and you may say, "Oh, no, not her again," but sorry, abortion is not the issue. It only scratches the surface of the true problems of our society.

The issue of abortion is not when life begins. It is not when the Old Testament says life begins. I don't know where the Bible says it, but I do know one thing, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." How can we allow our country's laws to be based on one religion? It's unconstitutional.

TARA MUIR COLUMNIST

I understand completely those religious fundamentalists who only believe their interpretation of what the Bible says, a document written thousands of years ago, a document written and edited by white men, (sorry, guys, but you know it's true), and interpreted by so many white men today. Because I am so passionate about women's issues (sorry, fellow feminists; I mean world issues), I understand the fundamentalists' passion in their fight against abortion.

They truly believe that terminating pregnancy is the taking of human life and, therefore, murder. Murder is a crime in this country, and these people can no longer stand by and see safe, medical procedures done on a group of cells than stand by and see any person being viciously stabbed with a knife. They feel it is their duty, and God told them that they must stop the killing.

I understand all that, believe it or not. But I also understand that the jury is still out on what science knows about life's actual beginning. If it is ever proven true that brain waves can be detected in a 6-week-old embryo, and it is already true that brain waves exist in animals, then why do we so mercilessly kill thousands of animals a day if brain waves were all that was needed to prove life existed? Let's not even discuss the soul,

because many a religion believes that the soul can easily leave a body of cells without harm and enter another upon death.

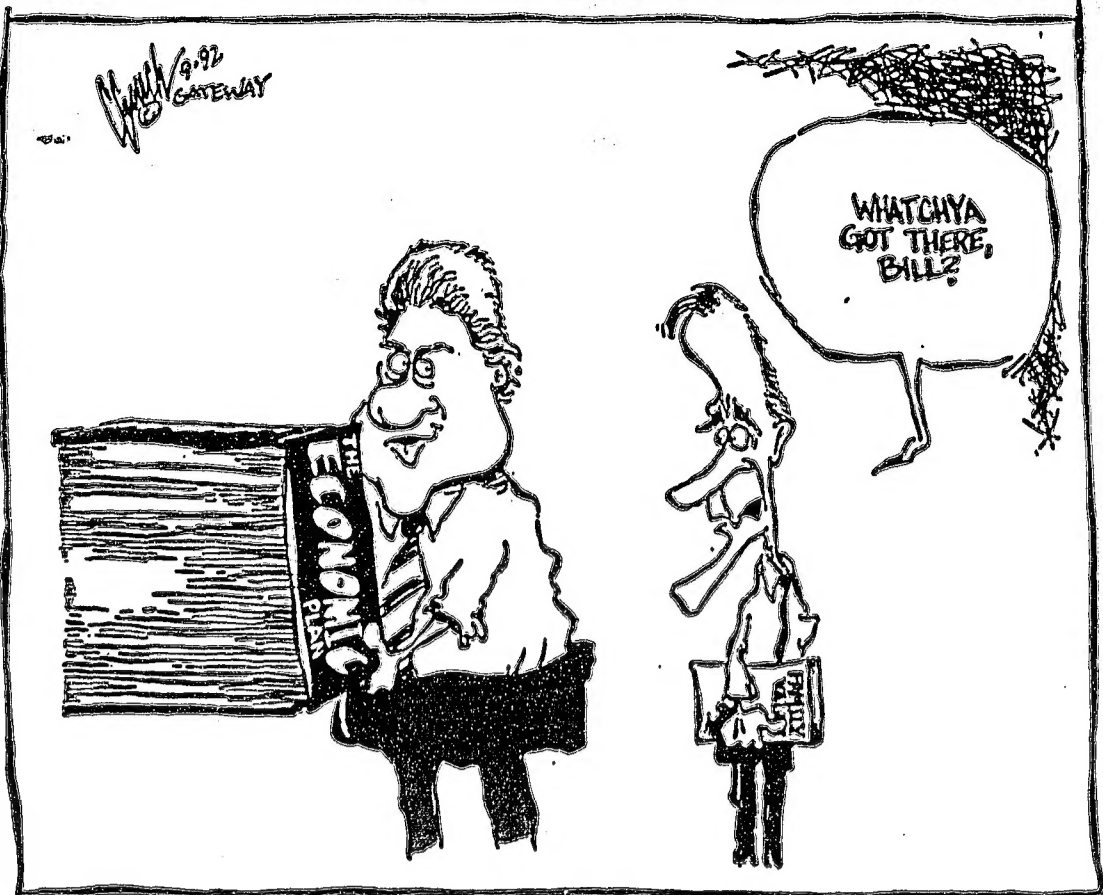
Since I have proven that the issue is not when life begins, there is only one issue; the reason this issue became so hot in the first place. The right-wing fundamentalists who have obviously gained control of the Republican party are using this issue of abortion as an "in" to power. These fundamentalists, with their one view of God single-handedly ran the Republican Convention. They gained this power by an issue charged with emotion, instead of reason. They gained this power with money taken from innocent church-goers and turned it into donations for the only party greedy enough to take it, the Republicans.

A featured speaker at the Republican convention was Rev.

Pat Robertson, who said in a fund-raising letter, the feminist movement "encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children (abortion), practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians."

Jeff Greenfield, a Universal Press Syndicated columnist, advised Robertson to "try the decaf." My advice to Robertson is to try the real definition of feminism: the radical notion that women are people. It is too late for religious fundamentalists to trick women into believing they do not have consciences or minds. When these fundamentalists use the abortion issue to obtain their power, they are destroying women.

But Rabbi Sofer said it best in the 19th century: "No woman is required to build the world by destroying herself."



Some back-to-school explanations

Note even James "Bonecrusher" Smith could have delivered a better body shot to me than the one UNO, merely due to its arrival, walloped me with last week. Packing all the subtlety of a rabid yak, another semester in the trenches has already sent me to the canvas.

No sooner do I fire my first sub-80 round than my rise to the PGA tour is rudely interrupted by some higher education crap, bookended by parking nightmares and work.

The only more appalling idea than slogging through 16 weeks of madness is having to pay back my student loans before Bill Clinton lets me build mud huts with bushmen in Zimbabwe instead.

So, the progression continues. I am little wiser (I just discovered the reason 300 and 400 level classes are easy to get into is because they involve enough work to discourage all but the most masochistic of students), my classes a little tougher and my thirst for knowledge more likely to be quenched by a mouthful of peanut butter and saltines than a 44 ounce tub of Gatorade.

I suppose I should wander over to the political arena for some expert, pinpoint commentary, brightening a cloudy presidential picture considerably and freeing our minds to worry about something else equally as relevant, such as the answer to an age old mystery: "Why does Axl Rose sound like Ethyl Merman?" Well, sorry to disappoint any budding Young Republicans by not providing any fodder for their nonexistent arsenal, but George and Dan are getting plenty of blisters digging their own grave and certainly don't need my help. Besides, there aren't any conservative columnists around to give me a touriquet for my bleeding heart.

Besides, it's much more enjoyable to cynically describe UNO, with the message targeted especially for incoming students, hoping to hasten whatever process they go through

which eliminates enough of them for me to park less than 8.4 miles away from class by October. Bright eyed and bushy-tailed, armed with shiny new school supplies, their minds eagerly anticipate some "ABC After School Special" inspired fantasy about college. It's only fair to explain to them the reality of life at UNO.

A) UNO isn't a real college. There's no dorms, no on-campus housing, no

sense of belonging. You show up, maybe go to class, check Financial Aid for your fictitious check, and go home.

B) The reason none of you got any of the classes or schedules you so carefully mapped out for your first semester has nothing to do with "full classes." It's actually due to UNO's single overriding premise of operations, that being "If your not being horribly inconve-

nienced, then we're not doing our job." It never gets better either, so drop out now before you squander your freedom to the student loan God, and he gets the title to your soul.

C) You'll get real tired of being unable to look anybody in the eye as you tell them where you go to college. I imagine explaining where it is and then trying to justify its existence, and your diploma in prospective employer's offices should be equally as horrid.

D) "Former Maverick" sounds like a film credit for an old Clint Eastwood "B" movie, in addition to further solidifying the rest of America's twisted, stereotypical yet appropriate perception of the Midwest.

Well, I think I've done all I can to demoralize incoming student morale for one evening, which leaves me with nothing else on my satirical agenda. Take comfort, however, all you new students, it could be worse. You could have 128 weeks of school remaining instead of the 127 you have to go before your degree.

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Auditions present challenge to actors

By Elizabeth Tape

As many of us were still trying to find our correct classrooms, struggling through bookstore lines or making drop-and-add decisions during the first days of the semester, a group of students were already facing auditions for the UNO Theater Department's fall productions.

The students were auditioning for Thornton Wilder's famous play "Our Town," directed by dramatic arts professor Doug Paterson. "Our Town" will be performed in October, and Elizabeth Swados' play with music "Runaways," directed by graduate student Dan Hays, will follow in December.

On the second day of classes, students were asked to come in with prepared material of five minutes or less. Their audition pieces included spoken material of contrasting moods and a song.

Wednesday brought open auditions, in which students and individuals in the community were asked to perform "cold readings," selections from the two works to be produced.

On Thursday afternoon, a call-back list was posted, indicating those who were still being considered for each of the plays.

Although the students arrived at rehearsals from myriad backgrounds and varying degrees of theater experience, comments they made had a unifying ring. The students mentioned that auditioning can be an even more anxiety-provoking experience than performing.

Theater major John Hatcher, a veteran of many UNO productions, said, "You always get nervous during an audition and when you step out on a stage. That's what makes acting, acting. What makes it fun for me is having that nervous energy, and it's worse than the performances because in the audition process there is no sure thing."

April Wieting, a theater major who has professional experience, said, "Monologues to me are the hardest material to present because you are up there by yourself, and you don't have another actor with dialogue you can feed off of. You're going to make it or you're going to lose it; it's all up to you."

Another aspect of the audition process Aaron Zavitz finds challenging is the cold readings. "I hate cold readings, that's the worst part about theater. There's no way to prepare for them."

Senior Thom Davis, also a theater major, finds some benefit in auditioning repeatedly. "It changes every single time, and it's never the same because there are always different plays you're auditioning for. So, every time you go to an audition, you're constantly thinking about putting yourself into the mode of that



Preparing to be called to read are Marguerite Boeme, left, and Anna Hernandez.

—Ed Carlton

play. It doesn't get any easier. I think you become more skilled at it but you never feel like you've quite mastered it. That's good because it pushes you on to keep improving yourself."

For Chris Thackray, the worst time arrives immediately before going off to the audition.

"I get cotton-mouthed. I can't talk or sing because I get so nervous. I think it's good to be nervous because it makes you better. Your energy is up and you concentrate. But two hours beforehand I get nervous. I can't eat, I can't do anything but think about the audition."

Gina Sacco maintains a rather different outlook on auditioning.

"I think it's fun. You want to be a little nervous, I think, because that's where you get your energy from. It gives you the power to get up there and do it. If you weren't nervous, it would be a little bit bland. But if people get too nervous, it can be a hindrance," she said.

In selecting the material for an audition, several students said they carefully consider the play for which they are trying out. Hatcher said, "You pick material what would best show off how you would be in that particular show. For me, I picked a mono-

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The Milo Bail Student Center would like to congratulate the following winners of the contests held during *Welcome Back Week*-Thank you to all who participated!

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Jello Eating
1st Bernard Perryman
2nd Randy Smith

Tuesday
Hula Hoop
1st Tiffany Drake
2nd Martha Applegate

Wednesday
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2nd Keith Jansa

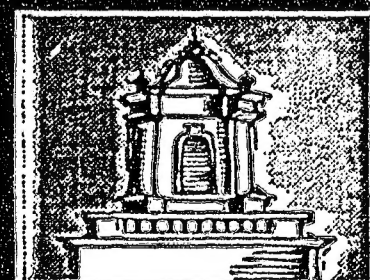
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logue with the tone of 'Runaways.'"

Davis said, "I like both of those I selected because they're both very conversational, very real people whom you might know, which 'Runaways' is very much about. You just want to give the director an idea of how you could work in the company, in the production. You want him or her to know that you are capable of the language, the style, the period, whatever, so you choose something that shows you most beneficially."

Several students said they selected pieces based on feeling comfortable with them. Lissa Hall, auditioning for both plays, said, "I found two I thought I could really relate to and thought I'd go with the funnier of the two, the more flamboyant, the one I could feel more than the other."

Junior Andrea Thompson said, "One just kind of popped out at me because it reminded me of a relationship I was in a few years ago with a man, that what attracted me, that I could identify with it. Picking a monologue you can identify with makes it a lot easier to memorize."

For several of the students, last week's auditions were their first theatrical experience at UNO.

Freshman Anna Hernandez said, "I'm fresh out of high school, so I wasn't that anxious. I knew that if I made it, I made it. It was no problem if I didn't because I was new."

Freshman Marguerite Boehme added, "Since I am an incoming freshman, I realize I have so much to learn. I wasn't expecting to be called back. It's a challenge but I feel I'm going to grow from it. At first I thought, oh my gosh, how could they do this to us, but then I realized it's things like this that make you grow and

challenge you."

Many of the students said they would not be disappointed if they were not selected for their desired role.

Thompson said, "If I don't get it, it's not the end of the world; there are other plays to audition for."

Once all of the auditions have been completed, another anxious moment ensues, as the students wait to learn what decisions have been made. About learning that she had been called back, Hall said, "I went down with some other people, but I really wanted to go incognito, so I could be disappointed on my own."

Veteran performer Lisa Beacom remarked, "The first couple years, it was like, I couldn't sleep at all. I had to get back up there and stand by the call-board until the time they were supposed to post the list, and I would not move. I would bother everybody by saying, 'Post it! Post it!' But now, when they said call-backs would be posted at noon, I came in at three. I still want to know, but I try to stay calm about it."

Chris Thackray, another well-experienced performer, said, "I'll be anxious to get here and see the call board in the morning. The adrenaline will be pumping when I'm walking in the door of the building and walking down here to see if I made the list."

Hall said, "You have to have thick skin in this business, and I don't know how to acquire that unless it's just going through it and going through it and, hopefully, the thick skin comes. It's such a personal business, when they line you up and look at you."

On this issue, Gina Sacco remarked, "Maybe if you don't get this thing, there's something better around the corner; you've got to think of it like that."

Hays said the difficulties of making the decisions are almost overwhelming.

"We had an incredible number of talented people here, and narrowing down has been very difficult. It's one of those unfortunate situations. A lot of talented people will not get cast, and I hope that does not discourage anybody," he said.

Hays said it takes more than raw talent to be selected.

"There are so many different things that come into auditions for a play, and sometimes you have the same amount of talent. Yet other times, it's more like, 'I need this look as opposed to this look,'" he said.

With regard to casting "Runaways," Hays said he faced innumerable issues to consider.

"People had to be able to sing because a large part of the show is about singing, so that came into play very strongly. Plus, this show is very different than other musicals because just great singing is not going to get you by. The acting is very intense. There are a lot of monologues and it's a gritty story, so you have to have some meat on those acting bones, as it were."

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KVNO celebrates two decades of spinning the classics

Gov. Ben Nelson was there. So was Omaha Symphony maestro Bruce Hangen and UNO Chancellor Del Weber.

They were among several dignitaries who attended a pancake breakfast Sunday in celebration of UNO radio station KVNO's 20th birthday.

Howard Lowe, general manager of KVNO, said the event held at the Greenhouse Apartments in downtown Omaha was a huge success.

"With the large turnout we had, you can tell KVNO has a strong following. Of course, we couldn't have done it without a lot of different organizations donating their services. The purpose of the event was that we wanted to share with the community our 20th birthday. It's a big landmark for us, and we had a lot of people come down and share in our happiness. That's what it's all about," Lowe said.

About 300 people attended the event.

"It was a good turnout. I'm very happy,"

Lowe said

Companies who participated in the event

included Grisanti's restaurant, the Omaha Marriott hotel, O'Brien's furniture and Parties Unlimited, he said.

"Of course, the city of Omaha was a big help for us with the Greenhouse Apartments. It was a collaboration of a lot of different organizations."

Inviting the governor was a simple task, Lowe said.

"We just asked him, and he felt this would be a fun thing to do and meet people who support UNO. I think he made a great choice."

Lowe said KVNO was founded in 1972 to serve two purposes.

"Back in 1972, people on campus realized there was an opportunity to use radio to the serve the community both through education and community service," he said.

"The chancellor (John Blackwell) applied for the license and the Board of Regents went along with it, and KVNO was born. We've been growing ever since," Lowe said.

The only problem the station has experienced over the past two decades is the power,



Pat Pleiss watches as the air conductor contestants perform. About 300 people attended even

ts celebrating KV

he said.

"Our signal is not as strong as we would like it to be, so we hope by the time our next celebration comes around we will have a better signal," he said.

KVNO employs 15 announcers, mostly part time, Lowe said.

"We have two announcers who are full time, otherwise all of our announcers are part time, and they're either students or people in the community who help us keep going 24 hours a day, 365 days a year."

With the exception of occasional news stories on tape, all of the broadcasts are recorded live, he said.

Lowe attributed the success of KVNO, a public station, to its financial supporters and listeners.

"The real key is the success is our financial supporters. The supporters and listeners are what keep our service strong, and we appreciate their support," he said.

The pancake breakfast was the climax of a weekend of activities kicking off a variety of events to be held throughout the year.

The festivities began Friday night with a free concert featuring world famous band conductor Frederick Fennel and the Air Combat Command Heartland of America Band.



A panel of judges, above, decide the fate of the air conductor winners. Gov. Ben Nelson, left, joins in on the air conducting ceremonies. Mary Ann Brader, far left on photo at right, Beth Brader, Laura Brader and Jim Brader practice their conducting skills.



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UNO Chancellor Del Weber joined in on the festivities over the weekend.



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LRT now available to patients

New procedure aids liver transplants

By D.J. Stiles

More than 25,000 people are in need of a liver transplant every year, but less than 10 percent of that number actually receive a transplant.

A living, related liver transplant (LRT) may be the answer for some.

An LRT is a new and innovative transplant procedure available to patients whose only alternative is to wait and hope that a suitable donor becomes available soon.

Dr. Thomas Heffron, director of pediatric and living, related transplantation at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said there aren't many of those donated livers that will fit into a child.

"A living, related liver transplant is where you take a piece of the liver from the mother or father and transplant it to the child," Heffron said.

Seventy percent of the children needing a transplant have biliary atresia.

With this condition, the child's bile ducts have closed right after birth and do not allow the liver to function properly.

Heffron said there are two major benefits to the LRT procedure.

"You can transplant electively," he said. "You don't have to wait for a donor, and you get a better, healthier liver from the mom or dad right to the baby."

"The piece of the liver has some of the same genetic makeup, and we hope less rejection," Heffron said.

In the United States, living, related liver transplantation was pioneered by three surgeons, one of which was Heffron, at the University of Chicago in November 1989. Since then, Heffron has performed a total of 46 transplants, four at the Medical Center, making him the foremost LRT surgeon in the world.

"There have been 34 done in Japan," Heffron said.

The four most recent transplantations have called their recipients from across the country

including Nebraska, Florida, Washington and Alabama.

"The recipients have been three boys and one girl," he said. "The donors have been two mothers and two fathers. All people are doing fine."

After the first 20 transplants at the University of Chicago, one of the other two surgeons returned to Germany.

The second is now in San Francisco.

The Medical Center is one of only four hospitals in the country practicing this procedure.

"Chicago has done the most," said Heffron. "Texas has done one, and San Francisco hasn't done any."

In Omaha since July, the four transplants Heffron has done make the Medical Center second only to Chicago for number of LRTs done in the United States.

The operation itself is very delicate, according to Heffron.

"It is a technically demanding operation," he said. "Only in the last 10 years has it been safe to do with better technical advances and technique advances."

According to Heffron, operating on the donor takes about four hours, and for the recipient, another four to eight hours.

After the operation, the mother or father will spend about one week in the hospital while the child spends three weeks.

Heffron described the liver as having a multitude of functions absolutely necessary for survival; the liver detoxifies, it cleans the blood and helps clotting, and also makes protein.

"If your liver fails you will bleed to death," said Heffron. "There is only 12 hours of survival after failure."

So far there has been a 95 percent survival rate for the living, related liver transplant. There have been no deaths or related long term medical problems with the mother or the father donors.

Heffron, who is originally from Omaha, attended Westside High School, the Medical Center and Creighton University.

Syndrome treatments promising

By D.J. Stiles

Many people have heard of it, but most people don't really know exactly what it is.

Turner Syndrome, a genetic disorder found only in females, effects a surprising number of newborns every year.

Dr. Carol Huseman, associate professor of pediatrics for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said Turner Syndrome is one of the most common disorders for girls.

"One in every 3,000 to 4,000 births," she said. "It is what geneticists would call a spontaneous mutation."

The disorder causes swelling of the feet and hands, neck "webbing," lack of sexual development, a short and stocky body, and a low hairline in the back.

Another trait of the syndrome is soft and raised finger nails and smaller than normal fore fingers.

Huseman said usually if the child is

terribly effected, it will naturally abort.

Although there is no known cure for Turner Syndrome, there are some treatments that are showing some promise.

Huseman said the condition is treated first with a growth hormone. This treatment can last up to 10 years or more if necessary.

"Normal height for someone with Turner Syndrome is 4 feet 5 inches to 4 feet 7 inches," she said.

"With the growth hormone they have grown to 5 feet and above."

The second treatment is to add estrogen. Both are administered by injection three times a week.

Huseman said while a person can get used to the shot, "the psychological thought of a shot is still painful."

One of the largest problems a person with Turner Syndrome will struggle with is a loss of self-esteem. This is due to the abnormal features associated with the disorder, she said.

"There is a national Turner Syndrome

support group that has been operating for a number of years," Huseman said.

The Medical Center also has a support group that has met for the last two years.

"The main objective is to center around some idea of self-esteem," Huseman said.

The most recent annual meeting of the support group included some new members.

Six to eight beauticians from a local beauty school attended the meeting and helped with hairstyling, nails and cosmetics.

"It made them feel very special," Huseman said.

The first support group meeting, held at the Medical Center about two years ago, was a fashion show aimed at finding ways to help hide neck features due to the disorder.

"They would like to meet twice a year," Huseman said. "But it has been only an annual meeting for the last two years."

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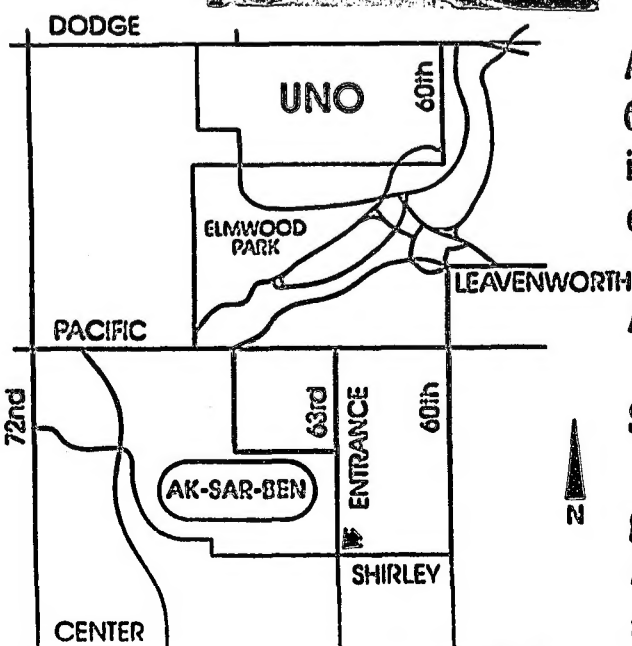
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Try-athlon hits UNO campus

By Tim Rohwer

While many people may prefer to sleep late on a weekend morning, more than 100 hearty souls spent Sunday morning participating in the 1992 UNO Try-athlon.

The event, which began at 7:30 a.m., featured swimming, running and biking, according to Todd Samland, a coach in UNO's campus recreation department, which co-sponsored the event along with the Midlands Triathlon Club.

Included in the activities were a 3.3 mile bike ride, a 200-yard swim and a 1.6 mile run which ended in Al Caniglia Field, he said.

This was the second year UNO co-sponsored this event, Samland said.

"Last year, we did it with the United Way which only wanted to do it once so we did it with them. We got the ball rolling and took it over this year," he said.

There were several factors why UNO was chosen for a triathlon site, Samland said.

"We liked the safety factor of the course and the fact that we can contain it all on the campus. We keep it small so that we can get good visibility for the university. It's also a good race for triathletes to start off on if they never had a race before because it's so short."

According to Samland, the ages of the participants varied widely.

"The youngest was 14, and the oldest person was a gentleman of 59," he said.

For at least one participant, the triathlon did have some tough moments.

"The hardest part was the bike ride. I started out with the swim which was 200 yards. It took me about an hour to complete everything," Linda Williams said.

Welcome Back Week a success

Activities draw large turnout, Forman says

By Tim Rohwer

Hundreds of UNO students enjoyed four days of good-hearted fun and learned about various student organizations during Welcome Back Week sponsored by officials of the Student Center.

Terry Forman, manager of student activities, said he was pleased with the turnout at last week's event.

"I thought things went over very well. The mall area outside the center was packed every day," he said.

"The only complaint I had was the rainy weather on Tuesday," Forman said. "That forced us to bring the hula hoop contest indoors, and there were only two students in the contest."

Forman said the purpose of the events was to make students more aware of the various organizations and activities available in the Student Center.

"On Thursday, we had our clubs and organizations set up tables outside so that students could stop by and learn more information about them. It's a way to make these organizations more visible and possibly recruit new members," he

said.

The activities began on Monday with a Jell-O eating contest. Tuesday featured the hula hoop contest, and Wednesday offered the watermelon eating event with 'Rocket,' the disc jockey from radio station KQKQ emceeing the event, Forman said.

"Our food services department made a six foot by 12 foot Rice Krispie bar where students could cut some it off and eat it," Forman said.

Forman declined to say how much the four-day event cost, but added, "It did not cost that much money."

Most of the money went for advertising the event and for the music that was brought in.

A five-member committee of Student Center officials began planning the event in early summer. Next year's committee may need to make alternative plans should rain occur, he said.

"Obviously, there's nothing we can do about the weather. I think I'm going to talk with Rev. Darrel Berg over at the University Religious Center," Forman said jokingly. "I'm sure he has contacts in high places."

NEWS CLIPS

Employee of the month named

Evelyn Adams, a Secretary II in the Math Lab, is UNO's employee of the month for September.

"Mrs. Adams sees beyond the technical aspects of the Math Lab and truly takes care of the people - staff and students alike," wrote one nominator.

Another nominator said, "In addition to interfacing with approximately 1,400 students in more than 20 sections each semester, she expertly manages office resources, produces a myriad of study guides and examinations, and tracks the schedule and payroll for 30 tutors."

As employee of the month, Adams will receive a pin, gift certificate, and a special parking space and a portrait.

Grant to aid training of teachers

UNO's College of Education has received a \$97,000 grant from the Helena Foundation to help with the training of math-

ematics teachers.

The grant will fund project TEAM (Technology in Education Advancement Model - Secondary Mathematics). The project will provide the opportunity for 25 teachers to receive in-depth, hands-on training in the advanced technologies now available to enhance student achievement.

"Participants will receive specialized technology training five days a month during an eight-month period," said Richard Flynn, dean of the College of Education.

Health Fair to provide tests

UNO's Health Services will sponsor a Health Fair Sept. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. A variety of free medical tests will be available, and for a \$25 fee, participants can receive a complete blood chemistry and coronary risk profile.

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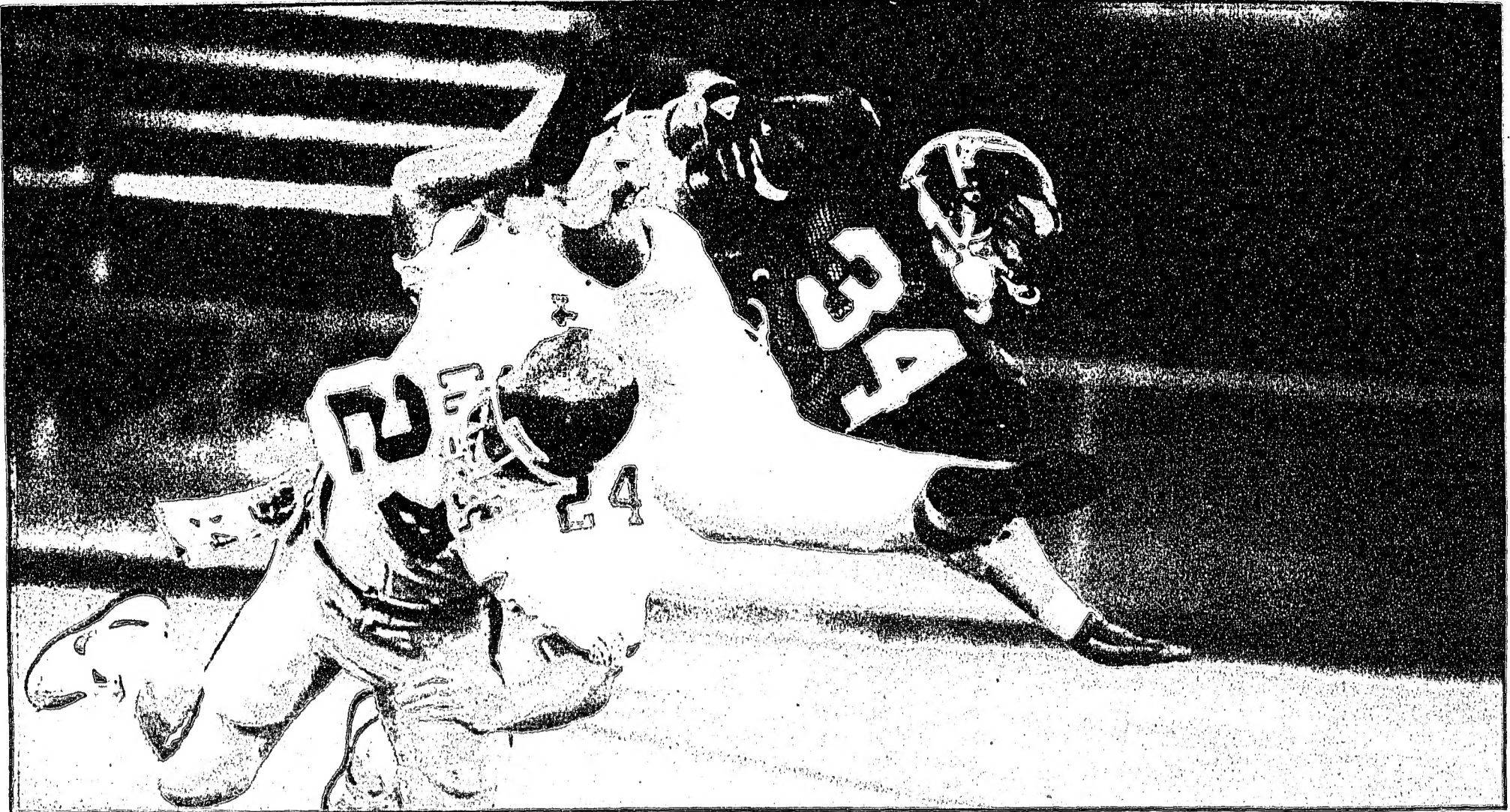
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SPORTS



UNO running back Roy Napora, takes a hit in earlier action. "I had a lot of people ask me why I wanted to come back after my knee injury," he said. "I guess it was that I loved the competition."

—file photo

Napora performs bitter comeback

By Lance Braun

As a criminal justice major, Roy Napora knows the difference between right and wrong, fair and unfair.

As a UNO football player, Napora knows what happened to him last year definitely was not fair.

Napora, a 5 foot 9 inch, 205-pound senior from Papillion-LaVista, entered fall practice last year as a contender for the starting spot at running back.

Early in fall practice, however, Roy tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, requiring surgery that ended his season before it even started.

"It was a hell of a blow to have something like that happen, with it being my senior season and all," Napora said. "It really got me down for a while."

But Napora refused to stay down.

Soon after his surgery, he began a long process of rehabilitation, including bicycling, running and weightlifting. All his workouts had to be intensified to compensate for the loss of strength in his bad knee.

Napora found his own motivation for wanting to rejoin the team.

"I had a lot of people ask me why I wanted to come back after my knee injury," Napora said.

"I guess it was that I loved the competition, and also because I couldn't find another sport that was violent enough for me."

Even though he wasn't playing, Napora was still making his presence felt.

Before last year's Northern Colorado game, Napora gave a pep talk to his teammates, who were coming off a two-game losing skid. His words inspired the Mavs to a 13-7 upset of the

previously unbeaten and third-ranked Bears.

After the season, Roy was granted a medical hardship case and was given an extra year of eligibility. Despite missing spring practice this year, he is back in contention at the running back position.

He will back up Shane McClanahan, a junior from Creighton Prep, in the Mavericks' one-back offense. But competition is also coming from junior Lamont White, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln transfer from Bolingbrook, Ill., and Maurad Cave, a freshman from Miramar, Fla.

"If there is a position on the team where there is a really serious competition, it's the running backs," Napora said. "You go down the line, and they are all good."

"I have the edge in experience, but you still have to go out and be able to play the game. My experience over the others probably won't be

much of a factor because of the exceptional talent we have," he said.

Whether or not he sees a lot of action, Napora is prepared for life after football. He graduated last May with a degree in criminal justice and did an internship this summer with the U.S. Justice Department working with a Federal Marshal. He hopes to eventually become a Marshal.

But for right now, he is setting his sights on the upcoming season.

"I really am looking forward to playing," Napora said.

"I don't know of anyone who really, really likes to practice and scrimmage, but they do get you ready. Right now, we're all looking forward to playing a real game."

The Mavs open their season Saturday at Al Caniglia Field against Wayne State. The kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

SPORTS SHORTS

UNO plays autumnal softball

The UNO Lady Mav softball team will participate in three tournaments this fall. The Lady Mavs will play in the Kansas Tournament on Sept. 19-20 and two Creighton Tournaments on Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 9-11. The Lady Mavs, 33-13 last year, will play their alumnae game Oct. 3 at 1 p.m. at Claussen-Westgate Field.

Mav-Loper game on the tube

The Sept. 12 UNO Maverick football game against Nebraska-Kearney will be televised live over KYNE-TV, channel 26, at 7 p.m.

"This will give us an opportunity to expose our program and our football team to a wider audience," UNO Athletic Director Bob Gibson said.

All UNO football games will be broadcast live over KVNO-FM, 90.7, radio. Air time will begin 15 minutes before kickoff.

Mav jayvees open Sept. 14

The UNO Maverick football team will play four junior varsity football games this fall. All games will be played at Al Caniglia Field on Monday evenings, and kickoff times are at 6 p.m. The Mavs will open against Midland Lutheran College

Sept. 14.

UNO will play Doane College Sept. 21, Dana College Oct. 12 and Nebraska Wesleyan University Oct. 19.

Lady cagers open with Classic

The UNO Lady Mav basketball team, 20-9 last season, will start its 1992-93 season hosting the Cox Cable Classic basketball tournament in the UNO Fieldhouse on Nov. 27-28. Game times are 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Participants in the tournament are Northeast Missouri State, Southern Illinois at Edwardsville and Missouri Western. The last time the Lady Mavs hosted a tournament was during the 1985-86 season.

"We are extremely excited about hosting our own tournament after all these years, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to play in front of the home crowd," UNO Head Coach Cherri Mankenberg said.

Monahan named team captain

The Lady Mav volleyball team named junior Laura Monahan, of Lisle, Ill., its captain for the 1992 season. She led the Lady Mavs in 1991 with 350 kill spikes and 1,111 attack attempts.

Monahan carries a 3.9 grade point average in pre-physical therapy.

Runners to compete in Crete

UNO Cross Country Coach Tim Hendricks will begin his sixth season as the Lady Mavs will compete at the Doane College Invitational in Crete, Neb. Sept. 12, starting at 10:30 a.m.

The Lady Mavs finished eighth in the North Central Conference last year and 11th in their 16-team NCAA Regional meet. UNO will host its own invitational Sept. 26 at Seymour-Smith Park. The Lady Mavs will host a 23-team NCC/NCAA Conference and Regional meet at Seymour Smith, Nov. 7.

An ID gets you in for free

The UNO athletic department wants to remind all students and faculty that a valid UNO student ID admits them and their immediate family to all UNO men's and women's home athletic events for free. This policy does not apply to post-season conference, regional or national tournaments.

Noel sidelined for rest of season

UNO Lady Mav basketball guard Aimee Noel will undergo reconstructive knee surgery Sept. 2 to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

The starting forward from Papillion will redshirt her senior season.

SPORTS



Shootin' some hoop

—Ed Gorkon

Jamie Danskin, No. 5, tries to keep the ball from teammate Renee Tyree, No. 11, during the 1992 USA Women's Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball Team's intra-squad scrimmage game held Friday at UNO. The U.S. team will compete in the Paralympic games in Barcelona, Spain. The games are the Olympics for athletes with physical disabilities.

SPORTS DATES

September 1

•Lady Mav volleyball alumnae game at 7 p.m. in the UNO Fieldhouse.

September 4-5

•UNO Women's Volleyball Tournament in the Fieldhouse.

September 5

•UNO Maverick football vs. Wayne State at 7 p.m. at Al Caniglia Field.

September 11-12

•Central Missouri Women's Volleyball Tournament at Central Missouri.

September 12

•Lady Mav Cross Country at Doane College in Crete, Neb. at 10:30 a.m.

•UNO Maverick football vs. Nebraska-Kearney at 7 p.m. at Al Caniglia Field.

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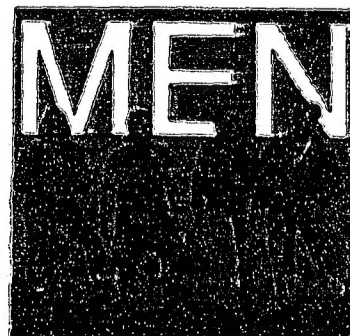
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SPORTS

Big boys see big bucks, short careers

I was talking to a friend of mine the other night and the subject came to football.

"Who do you think is going to win it all?" he asked me.

Well, I think UNO will win the North Central Conference and Nebraska will win the Big Eight, I replied.

"That's not what I mean," he said.

OK, I'll go out on a limb and say Miami will win the national championship. Michigan, Penn State and Texas A & M should be up there, and Nebraska may even have a shot if Mike Grant makes the grade at quarterback.

"That's not what I mean," he said, with a touch of hostility in his voice.

The Heisman Trophy? I'd put Qadry Ismail of Syracuse and Marshall Faulk of San Diego State as the front-runners, but don't forget Kevin Williams of Miami.

"THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN," he said.

Outland Trophy? Will Shields from Nebraska.

"NO!" he yelled.

Butkus Award? Any one of Colorado's linebackers.

"NO!" he screamed.

Well, what are you talking about?

"I MEAN THE SUPER BOWL!"

You're talking PRO football?

"YES!"

Is it pro football season already? I hadn't really noticed. I was all wrapped up in the preseason college polls that have come out.

With that, my friend left in disgust, and I haven't heard from him since.

As I'm sure you figured, I'm not really big on pro football.

I do like pro football, for the simple fact that it is football, but it just doesn't have the same appeal to me that college football does.

In college football, the athletes have four or five years to prove themselves. No player is completely secure in col-

lege, having to watch out for incoming recruits and keep up with academics.

In the pros, a player has to work hard for a couple of years, hold out for a megabuck contract, get a major product endorsement, and then coast for a couple of years until he decides to retire or his knees give out, whichever comes first.

Also, no business-smart coach is going to replace a high-paid, well-known veteran who has started for four years or more with some bright-eyed, eighth-round draft pick out of Middle Tennessee State who is actually a better player.

The young guys might get a lot of preseason playing time, but very few actually get to stay in the spotlight for the

LANCE BRAUN SPORTS COLUMNIST

duration of the season.

In defense of the players, though, the season is way too long. Sixteen weeks of regular season games takes its toll on the players.

Jim McMahon admitted in his autobiography that the team wasn't nearly in the same condition at the end of the regular season as they were coming out of preseason.

In college, you get a short fall camp and dive right into the regular season. A team is forced to iron out its problems in the heat of battle.

The regular season lasts a solid three months, followed by the big buildup to the bowl games.

The New Year's Day bowls have their winners and losers, but unfortunately never quite seem to settle that burning question of "Who is No. 1?"

Now, it's time for BRAUN'S SOLUTION FOR THE SALVATION OF PRO AND COLLEGE FOOTBALL.

I'll start with pro football. First, cut the number of years

a player is allowed to play to eight years.

This keeps the players working hard to keep their starting positions and makes the new guys work harder to break into the starting lineup. This also protects the general health of the players by forcing them to retire before their bodies are completely shot. For those who can't quite get enough of their sport, start a senior NFL league (Mo' money! Mo' money! Mo' money!).

Second, preseason rank the teams regardless of division and conference. Just like in college, there will be a coaches' poll, a writers' poll and, what the heck, a CNN/USA Today poll. The division and conference standings are used to determine the teams that make the playoffs.

Third, cut the season to 12 weeks with no preseason, also like in college. This cuts down on contract holdouts drastically.

Fourth, add the two-point conversion rule. Nobody likes overtime, and this rule could shorten a lot of games.

Finally, get rid of the Pro Bowl. It's just an excuse for the players to cruise around Hawaii, and the game is always lousy. If you're going to have it, make an All-Star Break like in baseball. Football players need a mid-season break, too.

For college football, the first thing you have to do is add overtime. While nobody likes overtime, they like ties even less. Ties are pointless.

Second, get that playoff system in there. Eight teams are chosen based on a formula of win-loss, strength of schedule and average margin of win-loss. I remember reading that some scientist invented this formula, and it sounded pretty thorough and consistent. I don't know if he played football, though.

And just to make that friend of mine happy: Denver and the Raiders in the AFC, and San Francisco and Philadelphia in the NFC.

Who will win it all?

I don't want to say—I don't like being TOO controversial.

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